

the general public right now sees us as a totally reactive body, not a body that has a program, not a body that can figure out what the state needs to do and lead us there but merely a body reactive, for example, to the Governor's initiative's. Well...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the Governor's initiative's may be good or they may be bad, but the fact is that a lot of initiatives that come out of this body from individual senators are as strong or better than the Governor's initiative's but they receive little attention or no attention because that is all that they ever are, one senator's proposal, one of forty-nine, however much merit it may have. This system rightly used provides a mechanism for whereby the good ideas that come out of this body can be better recognized in the public and the public will see us as a group of people who are coordinating, who are working together, who have identified the major proposition and who are working on those things and then they can agree or not agree with what we are doing or they can choose the Governor's proposal or somebody else's proposal, but at least they know what we are doing. At least they know what we are doing and that we are doing something.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you Senator Beutler. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, proposed rules change to be printed by Senator Chambers. (See page 349 of the Legislative Journal).

New bills, (Read LBs 1145-1152 by title for the first time. See pages 349-50 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator Hartnett has amendments to be printed to LB 469.

Reminder Reference will meet upon adjournment, or upon recess, excuse me, in Room 2102.

Urban Affairs hearing notice.

Senator Pedersen would like to add his name to 950.